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**COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

I/we believe I/we are the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Title: **PAYMENT PROCESSING SYSTEM FOR REMOTELY AUTHORIZING A PAYMENT TRANSACTION FILE OVER AN OPEN NETWORK**

the specification of which is attached hereto as file number BT-027.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56(a).

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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The undersigned to this declaration and power of attorney hereby authorizes the U.S. attorney(s) named herein to accept and follow instructions from Robert Eberle or other officer of the assignee, or any designee of such listed parties, as to any actions to be taken in the Patent and Trademark Office regarding this application without direct communication between the U.S. attorney(s) and the undersigned. In the event of a change in the person(s) from whom instructions may be taken, the U.S. attorney(s) will be so notified by the undersigned. \_\_\_\_\_

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